

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE, pursuant to the State of California Health and Safety Code Section 40725, is hereby given of a public hearing on November 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., before the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District Governing Board (Governing Board) in the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, Metropolitan Operations Complex (MOC II) Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123, for the purpose of receiving public comments on and considering proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 – Natural Gas-Fired Fan-Type Central Furnaces.

Rule 69.6 applies to an estimated approximately 1.15 million natural gas-fired furnaces used in residential and commercial buildings in San Diego County. First adopted by the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) on June 17, 1998, the rule has never been amended and is now outdated due to enhancements in emission control technology. Proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 would reduce the emission standard of natural gas-fired furnaces from 40 to 14 nanograms of nitrogen oxides per Joule (ng NO_x/J). Rule 69.6 is a “point of sale” rule, meaning manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of new furnaces are required to comply with emission limits found in Rule 69.6 at the time of sale.

If adopted by the Governing Board, the 14 ng NO_x/J emission standard would be required for applicable new furnaces, with the exception of furnaces used in manufactured and mobile homes. The District also proposes amendments for furnaces used in manufactured and mobile homes, that for the first time would remove an existing exemption and would now be required to meet a 40 ng NO_x/J emission standard. Other proposed amendments for Rule 69.6 include but are not limited to: (1) revising the Applicability, Definitions, Test Methods, and Emission Test Requirements sections, (2) deleting exemptions (as applicable), and (3) clarifying processes regarding certification and maintaining compliance for furnaces subject to the rule.

Amendments are proposed to be made effective six months after adoption by the Governing Board. Should the proposed amendments be adopted, manufacturers, distributors and retailers may use this time to sell-through any remaining inventory that would not comply with the proposed emission standards. Notably, existing furnaces already installed will not be required to be replaced upon adoption of the proposed amendments. However, when such furnaces require replacement, the replacement furnaces would be required to comply with the proposed amendments.

Written comments may be provided to District staff no later than November 13, 2024, and should be addressed to:

Nick Cormier, Supervising Air Resources Specialist
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District
10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131
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Copies of proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 may be examined or obtained at the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District Headquarters, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131, or by visiting the District's Rule Development website at <https://bit.ly/3lkUCYJ>. Specific information with respect to this matter may also be obtained by contacting Nick Cormier, Supervising Air Resources Specialist, at (858) 586-2798 or Nick.Cormier@sdapcd.org.

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